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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt  
Attn: Chief of Base, Pullach/  
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\* Gehlen 201

Operational  
Owen Lattimore

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1. We recently received the following from ODENVI:

"ODENVI has been advised that General Reinhold (sic) von Gehlen, a former Nazi officer who was a top official in the German Intelligence Service during World War II, can obtain information concerning the subject from a source, such as Gerhard Eisler, as well as from sources available to him in Moscow, USSR. Von Gehlen, can be contacted in Munich, Germany".

2. We were requested to look into this matter. In answer we have stated that we were convinced that General Gehlen would have informed us of any information available on subject but that, nevertheless, "we would make discreet inquiries of our contacts to determine whether Gehlen has, or can provide, any information on Lattimore".

3. Naturally, in view of the political implications of a check on subject, a United States citizen, we expect you to make the approach in such a manner that it not appear as a requirement but as a discreet guide.

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